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# TOWN OF ELLINGTON

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## BOARD OF FINANCE

ROBERT K. PAGANI  
Chairman

### BUDGET DELIBERATIONS TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2006

RICHARD J. CLEARY  
ROBERT J. CLEMENTS  
MARK A. JOYSE  
BARRY C. PINTO  
ALBERT S. WACHSMAN

**Members Present:** Robert Pagani-Chairman, Richard Cleary, Robert Clements, Mark Joyse, Barry Pinto, Albert Wachsmann

**Others Present:** N. DiCorelto-Fin Off, M. Stupinski-First Sel, G. Daigle-Bud Advisory, P. Michaud-DPW Dir, A. Lawrence-Fire Marshal, Sel. Charter and Miller, EVFD Fire Chief Varney, J. Turner, G. Feldman, V. Gambacorta, EVAC Pres. P. Hany, Emer Mgmt D. Davis.

Chairman Robert Pagani opened the deliberations at 7:40 pm. He began with the Capital Improvements budget.

#### Capital Improvements Reductions

DPW Dump Truck Replacements \$400,000, Roadside Mower \$108,100 and Road Sweeper \$180,000 will be moved out due to purchase through a lease which will be approximately \$157,658/year beginning 9/1/07. This lease will not affect this budget. \$62,700 for the Revaluation was eliminated. The Engine Tanker in the amount of \$370,000 was eliminated as this will also be a leased item. The Firehouse will be put out to a referendum and be bonded. \$10,000 was eliminated from the Intersection Preemption System because the intersection that that Fire Dept. wants to do will be revamped due to the commercial building on Route 83.

The chairman proposed to eliminate \$65,000 from the BOE Technology Update item because the state bid prices for the computers were lower than originally budgeted. \$3,000 was added back into the EHS Video Lab. It was noted that the grant check for \$25,000 was received for the video lab.

There was discussion regarding why the dual fuel burners for the High School were not included in this capital budget. Mr. Clements felt that this was a high priority given the price of fuel.

**MOTION (CLEMENTS) SECONDED (JOYSE) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO DELETE THE WINDERMERE INNER COURTYARD IMPROVEMENTS AND FUND THE EHS DUAL FUEL BURNERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000.**

Mr. Joyse stated that he felt the laptops that the Board of Education had included in their operating budget should be included in the Capital Improvements Budget under the Technology Update Program. It was decided that \$65,000 would be put back into the technology update program and that \$265,000 would be for desktops and \$65,000 for laptops and associated hardware. The \$65,000 would be reduced from the Board of Education operating budget.

**MOTION (WACHSMAN) SECONDED (JOYSE) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO FUND DESKTOP COMPUTERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$265,000 AND LAPTOPS AND ASSOCIATED HARDWARE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,000 IN THE CAPITAL NON-RECURRING BUDGET FOR BOE STUDENT TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM.**

Mr. Pagani will consult with the Board of Education before Thursday as to the \$65,000 figure for laptops.

Mr. Michaud submitted a proposal from Dalton Contracting in the amount of \$39,000 to repair and repaint the High School track.

**MOTION (CLEMENTS) SECOND (CLEARY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADD TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM \$39,000 TO REFURBISH AND REPAINT THE HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AS PROPOSED BY DALTON CONTRACTING.**

The net cost for Capital Projects to the Town after grants will be \$1,223,215.

Mr. Joyse then proposed that \$300,000 be put into an open space fund. He felt the money should be available but still up to the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance to approve the expenditures. Mr. Pagani stated that there is still no plan in place. Mr. Stupinski stated that money in an open space fund held restrictions to the town on how it could be spent. This money cannot be spent for municipal purposes. The Town is in need of land for municipal purposes. Peter Charter stated that there is \$240,000 in the Open Space Fund at this time. Mr. Clements felt that the budget could not stand this large amount and that residents don't know of this need for open space. He would rather see this go to a referendum and be promoted on its own merits. Mr. Stupinski felt that \$300,000 cannot buy the Town much these days. Mr. Cleary agreed with the Mr. Stupinski and Mr. Clements. Mr. DiCorleto stated that even if the money is approved, there will still need to be Town Meeting approval to purchase properties.

**MOTION (WACHSMAN) SECONDED (JOYSE) TO FUND \$100,000 IN BOTH MUNICIPAL LAND FUND AND OPEN SPACE IN ORDER TO SHOW THAT THE BOARD OF FINANCE IS INTERESTED IN PURSUING THIS.**

**MOTION FAILED 2 AYES (JOYSE, WACHSMAN)  
4 NAYES (PINTO, PAGANI, CLEARY, CLEMENTS)**

Revenues

CCM is projecting \$151,137 in energy assistance and \$38,221 increase in town aid for the Town of Ellington. The net change in projected revenues as of 3/30/06 is an additional \$185,160.

Operating Budget Reductions

Tax Collector reduced \$30,000 due to staffing changes due to retirement.  
Flood & Erosion Control Board add back \$10,000 for new board.  
Crystal Lake Fire Dept reduced \$2,500 consisting of \$500 travel and \$2,000 tech equip medical.  
Bldg Dept reduced \$7,500 for enforcement of house numbers.  
Cultural Arts Commission add in \$7,000  
Crystal Lake Water Monitor for Milfoil add in \$1,700  
Capital Improvements reduction of \$2,273,880

Mr. Cleary brought up the lack of cooperation from the Crystal Lake Fire Dept regarding their charging fund. It was agreed that the First Selectman and the Chairman of BOF should get together on this. Mr. Stupinski stated that the CL District was supposed to give a reporting to the Board of Finance. Peter Charter asked if that would be satisfactory and they stated it would be. Mr. Charter understood that they purchased a pump with their funds.

Mr. Wachsman asked about the Waste Management contract, and Mr. Michaud told him that the Town would be going out to bid around December 2007 for a change over as of 6/30/08.

The chairman closed the deliberations at 10:00 pm.

Submitted by Lori Smith  
Lori Smith, Clerk